

Additional Local.

The Ladies' Lecture Association.

The Ladies' Lecture Association of Paw Paw is pleased to announce that a very excellent and attractive course of lectures and entertainments has been secured for the coming winter. The plan provides for seven evenings and is of a varied nature. Care has been taken that each entertainment shall be of excellence in its line.

Russell H. Conwell, Dr. James Hedley, Leland T. Powers, Roberts Harper, Hon. Samuel Phelps Leland, and the Redpath Star Concert Co. have been definitely arranged for, while the plan for the seventh evening is left flexible, with the assurance that it will be of value.

Russell H. Conwell is pastor of Grace church, one of the largest in Philadelphia. He has had an extended experience upon the lecture platform, and of him the *New York Evening Post* says: "He is unexcelled by any orator in America, and perhaps the equal of any in the world in those marvelous descriptive powers." Of Dr. James Hedley it is unnecessary to speak, as so many of our people have heard him and will gladly welcome him again. Leland T. Powers occupies a front rank as an elocutionist and impersonator. In regard to him a Philadelphia association said: "We should have had him sooner if we had known him before, and shall have him again if we can get him." Roberts Harper will present an illustrated lecture. He has first-class endorsement. John H. Vincent writes of him: "His views were the finest ever shown at Chautauqua and his lectures were characterized by good taste and pleasant delivery." Samuel Phelps Leland delivers popular scientific lectures and seems to give entire satisfaction wherever heard. The Redpath Star Concert company is highly spoken of by leading papers in the large cities as well as in places of less size and note.

The ladies offer this course with a great deal of confidence, inasmuch as each feature is so highly recommended by experienced and reliable parties. Many of these lectures are being engaged for second and third appearances, than which no better endorsement could be given.

Season tickets will be sold at \$1.50—seven first-class entertainments at less than 25 cents each. Tickets will be on sale for four weeks, beginning Aug. 12, at the office of the *Grange Visitor*, over E. G. Butler's store, postoffice block.

The distention of the stomach which many people feel after eating, may be due to improper mastication of the food; but, in most cases it indicates a weakness of the digestive organs, the best remedy for which is one of Ayer's Pills, to be taken after dinner.

Van Buren County Pomona Grange.

The Van Buren Co. Pomona Grange will hold its next meeting at Keeler Center Thursday, Aug. 13, with the following program:

10 a. m.—Reports from subordinate Granges and suggestions for the good of the order.

12 m.—Picnic dinner.

1:30—Recitation by Mrs. A. W. Hayden, Hamilton. Paper, Ed. A. Wildey, Paw Paw. Paper—"Home and its Surroundings"—H. Place, Lawrence. Recitation, Mrs. M. D. Buskirk, Paw Paw. Paper—"Sheep Husbandry"—C. B. Charles, Bangor. Recitation, Mrs. C. R. Kemp, Hartford.

Subject for discussion: "The Organization of Farmers." Discussion to be opened by Oscar McGowan, of Hamilton.

Music will be furnished by Mrs. M. D. Buskirk and Mrs. C. H. Butler, of Paw Paw.

All fourth degree members are cordially invited to be present.

Mrs. J. M. Fisk, Lecturer.

"Oh, if I had only taken this medicine earlier in life, what years of suffering it would have saved me!" was the touching exclamation of one who had been cured of rheumatism by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Scores of such cases are on record.

Probate Court Proceedings.

Following is a synopsis of the proceedings in Judge Heckert's court for the week ending Tuesday, Aug. 4: Estate of Calista M. McCormick, deceased. Bond filed; letters, warrant and inventory issued.

Marriage Licenses.

No. 1037—Frank Perkins, 51, of So. Haven, and Mrs. Ellen Perkins, 43, of Cleveland, Ohio.

No. 1038—Frank Kelly, 22, and Jennie M. Safford, 21, both of Covert.

New Suits.

Milford T. French vs. Wm. H. Snyder; bill to restrain defendant from obstructing highway.

Harris W. Hillyard vs. Adaline Hillyard; divorce.

The People vs. Ben. Whitmore; violation of the liquor law.

Card of Thanks.

We take this method of returning our heartfelt thanks to friends and neighbors for kindly, thoughtful offices during the last illness and at the closing scenes of our terrible bereavement. We would also thank the choir for tender services rendered.

E. C. TUCKER,
MR. AND MRS. G. G. WHITNEY,
MR. AND MRS. J. S. TUCKER.

Six hundred crates of raspberries from a patch of 3½ acres was the crop harvested by A. E. Van Vleck this season, the receipts from which were \$660. Deduct the expense of cultivation, picking and crates, amounting to \$250, and there is left the neat little sum of \$410 as profits. It was probably the heaviest crop of raspberries ever raised in this vicinity.—*Lawton Leader*.

The Secret of Success.

Longwell Bros. druggists believe that the secret of success is perseverance. Therefore they persist in keeping the finest line of perfumery, toilet articles, cosmetics, drugs and chemicals on the market. They especially invite all persons who have palpitation, short breath, weak or hungry spells, pain in side or shoulder, oppression, night mare, dry cough, smothering, drowsy or heart disease to try Dr. Miles' unequalled New Heart Cure, before it is too late. It has the largest sale of any similar remedy. Fine book of testimonials free. Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine is unsurpassed for sleeplessness, headache, fits, etc., and it contains no opiates.

A PYGMY CAMP.

How the Dwarfs of the Great African Forest Build and Live.

Their villages, situated under the impenetrable foliage of the largest clump of trees to be found near the locality where they propose camping, struck us as being comfortable, snug and neat. I have seen ninety-two huts in one of these villages, arranged in a circle of about fifty yards in diameter. The pygmy camps are generally found at the crossways, where two or more paths intersect, and are from two to three miles distant from agricultural settlements. Our anxieties always lessened on meeting them, for the more paths we found the more we were assured of food and the roads improved.

Sometimes these forest villages were planted midway between parallel lines of settlements. A short walk from our camp through the woods, north or south, would take us to plantations large enough to supply a regiment with food. One time we came to a group of dwarf villages whence a broad path six feet wide communicated with another group three miles distant. This road was a revelation. It informed us that the tribe was more than usually powerful; that it was well established; that the chief possessed power, and was permitted to exercise it. Outside of the great kingdom of Uganda we had not seen in Africa a cut road longer than half a mile.

The huts in every pygmy camp were of a tortoise back figure. The doorways were not more than three feet high, and were placed at the ends, one being for daily use, and the other, which fronted the bush, for escape. Those for constant convenience looked out on the circular common and pointed to the center, where stood the tribal chief's hut, as though the duty of every household was to watch over the safety of him who ruled the community.

We rarely found a hut higher than four feet six inches. In length they varied from seven to ten feet, while the width would be from four and a half feet to seven. In what appeared to be old-established camps we found rough cots constructed, which were raised a few inches above the ground, after the style of our own forest couches. Several layers of phrynum leaves make a luxurious bed.—Henry M. Stanley in *Scribner's*.

The Author and His Work.

That the author is easily led to betray excessive interest in himself is a fact due in a great measure to the peculiar conditions upon which his artistic success depends. Every piece of his work is the product of a mind that should be, from first to last, completely absorbed in its creation. He cannot, like the painter or the sculptor, summon and dismiss his model at will, with the certainty of recovering at a moment's notice the desired pose.

His models are continually on the move; each one, to be convincing, must not only shine with the light of varied circumstance, but must also show cause for existence by effect upon the others; since the interest of a story flags the instant its characters are at a standstill. As a natural consequence their creator carries them always with him, really most alert in their behalf when he seems to be most inactive.

At home and abroad he is ever playing his game of chess "whereof the pawns are men," with no board to guide him but that mysterious one traced upon the table of his brain. All he sees and hears contributes its mite to the source of suggestion from which he draws, and by his skill in the drawing his power is determined. Intricate problems force themselves upon him, to be solved with the nicest discrimination out of his own experience. With him eternal vigilance is the price of victory.—Point of View in *Scribner's*.

A Costly Fan Without an Owner.

One of the prettiest things in the museum of the dead letter office is a lady's fan made of stork feathers, the plumes being rarer and richer than the finest ostrich plumes. It is most magnificent in appearance, and doubtless graced the costume of some court beauty in the Old World. It came to this country from Europe many years ago, but no clue to its owner or origin was ever obtained. In one of the cases there is a box of wedding cake, which came to the dead letter office six years ago as unclaimed. It is getting a little old and discolored, but by this time would probably be pretty dry eating. Considering its present characteristics it might be excellent "wedding cake to dream on." It certainly has all the elements necessary to produce a fanciful nightmare. Rosaries are quite common in the cabinet and crucifixes are also plentiful.—Washington Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Spelling Comes by Nature.

An F street attorney relates that he received an application for a pension from a country lawyer in Michigan recently, in which the claimant signed his name as "Daniel O. Connell." In subsequent papers filed he wrote it "Daniel O'Connell." The attorney wrote to the lawyer to report whether the name was O'Connell or Connell. The provincial Blackstone retorted in what he evidently considered a very sarcastic letter, winding up with this bit of bucolic wit, "The name is O'Connell, as any fool might know; but what difference does it make, anyhow, whether you say, 'McCarthy, come out of the house, or come out of the house, McCarthy?'—Washington Post.

Miss Adelina Patti Baird, a goddaughter of the diva and daughter of a rich English iron founder, has a string of pearls collected from the days of her babyhood. One of her first gifts was a number of fine unstrung pearls, and to these have been added others from time to time by parents and relatives until she now has a matchless necklace.

Until late years the salutation of "Merry Christmas" was almost unknown in many southern homes. After the fashion of the "waits," in many places negro men and boys, some time before Christmas go in the evenings from door to door singing, in the hope of receiving gifts of money or eatables.

Botany in Winter.

I feel convinced that, if the teachers were not opposed to it, the subject would now have been more widely taught, and I shall therefore say a few words in anticipation of difficulties. It has been suggested that materials would be scarce in winter. Not at all. Let the children be familiarized with the observation and comparison of the peculiarities of a sprig of holly as contrasted with one of ivy, or let them be shown how different are the buds and leafless shoots of the beech from those of the oak or a horse chestnut. Show them how to observe the bud scales, how to infer the leaf arrangement from the scars, how to notice the color, roughness, markings, etc., of the periderm.

Or give them introductory notions as to the nature of a hyacinth bulb as contrasted with the potato tuber, confining their attention to points which they can make out by observation. Every nut or orange or apple that the child eats might be made interesting if teachers would dare step over the traces of convention and introduce such ostensibly dangerous articles into classwork. And why not? The doctrine of rewards and punishments is applied more crudely than this in most children's schools.—Professor Marshall Ward in *Popular Science*.

Boys, Keep Away from Africa.

Two or three weeks ago three young men, each having over \$1,000 in cash, left Pittsburgh for Africa to explore. About a dozen letters have been received from boys referring to this incident and asking for advice or information. Had the three young men set out for an idiot asylum, calculating to ask to be taken in and cared for during the remainder of their lives, they would have exhibited more common sense.

Africa is not a country where every Tom, Dick and Harry can go roaming about at will. All the seaports are in the hands of Egyptians, Moors, French, Germans or English. Any one has a legal right to land, but not every one has a legal right to go gallivanting around the country.

Stanley had to have the backing of two governments to enable him to do so. A correspondent of *The New York World* was threatened with arrest if he went beyond certain boundaries. A young man who has no better sense than to set out on such an expedition ought to have a guardian, and that guardian ought to have legal permission to tan his jacket ten times a day.—*M. Quad* in *Detroit Free Press*.

Who Will Be the Next Pope?

It is stated that the French and Spanish cardinals are concerting for the nomination of Cardinal Zigliara as the successor to Leo XIII. The general feeling is that at the next conclave the election of a foreign pope is impracticable, the only available non-Italian members of the Sacred College being the Swiss Cardinal Merilland, and the American Cardinal Gibbons. It is not likely, however, that either of these will emerge as the successor of Leo XIII.

The nomination of Cardinal Zigliara, who is a Dominican monk, is not altogether unlikely. He is a native of Corsica, but, strange to say, he took out letters of naturalization as a subject of the ex-Pontifical states. He is a man of great learning and quite outside all political questions. I have reason to believe that if the pope died to-morrow Cardinal Zigliara would be sure of nearly forty votes. His only opponents would be the Jesuits, whose nominee is Cardinal Monaco la Valetta.—Paris Cor. London Chronicle.

Boston Wants to Come Nearer.

It is gratifying to observe that the business men of Boston are disposed to make an active effort to secure quicker time by rail between this city and New York. The members of the Executive Business association have discussed the question, and have come to the very sensible conclusion that the public interests of the city demand a better service, and that such a service can be secured "without prejudice to the interests of the railroads connecting the two cities." No one who has studied the conditions involved, and who knows of how much the modern railway is capable, will doubt this. A new line would probably not be a profitable enterprise, but it is within the power of the existing lines to reduce the time of the journey by express trains from six hours to five, and there is no sufficient reason for delaying to do so.—Boston Post.

One Vote.

It is fifty-one years since one vote decided that Marcus Morton, and not Edward Everett, should be governor of Massachusetts. Judge Morton had been a candidate for office thirteen successive years when he was chosen by this meager majority. The state cast just a trifle over 100,000 votes at that election. Two years later Judge Morton was elected governor by one majority a second time. This one majority was, however, then in the legislature, the people having made no choice. These occurrences were very remarkable. They are called to mind by the one vote majority just given in the Tenth aldermanic district of Boston.—Boston Herald.

Poisons in Cane Handles.

A peculiar and painful case of paralysis of the muscles, which ought to be of interest to every man who carries a metal topped cane or umbrella, is being treated by Dr. Henry F. Robinson, of this city. It is a sore of the hand, caused by the pressure of a round knobbed stick against the palm. In the case of Dr. Robinson's patient, the sore has affected the muscles from the fingers to above the wrist. Dr. Robinson says that a stick with a handle instead of a knob is the proper thing.—New York Telegram.

A Giant's Insupportable Chagrin.

Harry Baldwin, a negro, weighing 300 pounds, shot himself through the head recently. He had got into a quarrel with a little chap, who pounded him unmercifully. Baldwin took it so much to heart that he went home and promptly killed himself.—Wichita Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Chopped Off His Own Hand by Accident.

Graham T. Holtzclaw, a well known young attorney, cut off his own left hand with a hand ax. He had arrived home late for breakfast with a steak which he desired the cook, Mary, to prepare for him. In a good natured way he told her that if she would cook the steak he would cut some kindling. With a whetstone he sharpened a hand ax, the blade of which is about five inches broad, and proceeded to cut the kindling.

Taking a soggy piece of pine block, he held it upright on the chopping block, and aimed a heavy blow to split it. The block slipped as the ax blade descended, and the young man's left hand was thrown under the blade. The blade struck his wrist at the joint, and the hand was completely severed, rolling to the ground beside the block.

Holtzclaw seized the stump of the left arm in his right hand and called for help. The cook, with great presence of mind, held the arm between both of her hands tightly, stopping the spurting blood, and the injured young man called for a string. With a stout cord the stump of the arm was tied so as to effectually prevent bleeding.—Chattanooga Times.

The Railroad Must Pay.

A verdict for \$5,000 damages was rendered in the court of common pleas against the Western Maryland Railroad company and in favor of Mrs. Mary A. Herold. The accident for which damages were claimed occurred on Sept. 17, 1885, at the Wilson Sanitarium grounds. Mrs. Herold had taken a child to the sanitarium to spend the day, and in the evening with others boarded the car, which had been left on a switch. Some one, presumably a child, released the brake, and the car started down a small incline toward the main track. A panic ensued among the passengers, and Mrs. Herold, who was then 63 years old, jumped to the ground, breaking her right shoulder blade and left leg. The verdict was for the full amount claimed. Col. Charles Marshall, counsel for the railroad, gave notice that he would apply for a new trial.—Baltimore Sun.

Arkwright's Old Mill Burned.

A calamity has fallen upon Cromford. The historic old cotton mill, where Arkwright first set up his cotton spinning machinery, caught fire, and, though six fire engines played upon it, nothing could be saved. A large portion of the mill has long been standing empty, as the motive power (water) was inadequate, but for the last seven years Mr. Charles Hill, of Bridge House, Cromford, has used one portion of it for finishing and storing the goods made at his factories at Via Gollia and Milford. The loss will be fully \$10,000. The roofs and walls have given way, but the houses near have been saved.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Attacked by Catamounts.

Mrs. Jaynes and her son, of Stringtown, I. T., hearing a commotion in their barn the other night, proceeded to investigate, whereupon a catamount sprang upon the woman and buried its teeth in her neck. The son killed the beast and also dispatched another cat, which had been tearing the horses. The fierce animals weighed thirty and thirty-five pounds respectively. Mrs. Jaynes, who was painfully injured, will recover.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Paid the Principal Three Times Over.

One of the oldest mortgages in the state was "lifted" in Lubec last week. Maj. Treseott, a revolutionary hero, who died in Lubec in 1836, left by his will the sum of \$300, the income of which was to be devoted to the use of public schools in district No. 3, in that town. The money has been invested in a mortgage on one piece of real estate in Lubec for fifty years, and the interest regularly paid.—Pittsfield (Mass.) Advertiser.

Battle Ships for Germany.

Eleven battle ships, with an aggregate displacement of 70,000 tons, are now being built for the German government—three at Bremen, two at Gaarden, near Kiel, one at Wilhelmshafen, three at Dantzig and two at Breslow, near Stettin. At Elberg no fewer than seventy torpedo boats are being built for the government.—London Truth.

A Bright Four-Year-Old.

Four-year-old Robert asked his mother the meaning of Thanksgiving day. After listening attentively while being told that the day is set apart as a day of thanksgiving to God for ripening the fruits, vegetables, etc., he said: "Well, I don't think God bleached the celery very well this year!"—Boston Transcript.

A barrel of apples opened near the Isle of Wight had a very fine apple in the center with this message written on a piece of paper: "If any young lady who chances to eat this apple is desirous of matrimony she will please correspond with Hartley Marshall, of Falkland Ridge, Annapolis county, Nova Scotia."

James Whitcomb Riley is a busy literary worker. Some one recently asked the poet to do a piece of work, and he replied: "I can't! In the evening line I was never so involved before. Even the hope of waking to find myself famous is denied me, since I haven't time in which to fall asleep."

While excavating for the foundation of a new opera house in Atlanta, Ga., last week, workmen found a live snake "six feet below the surface." It was an ugly, poisonous moccasin, nearly five feet long, and fought hard until killed.

A new sketching apparatus for cyclists has recently appeared in England. The paper is placed on a small board in front of the cyclist, and the work can be roughly contoured in about half the time ordinarily required.

Mr. Powderly has been re-elected grand master workman of the Knights of Labor, and at his own suggestion his salary has been reduced from \$5,000 to \$3,500 per annum.



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